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To provide assistance to Special Olympics to support expansion of Special Olympics and development of education programs and a Healthy Athletes Program, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

SEPTEMBER 28, 2004

Mr. SANTORUM (for himself, Mr. REID, Mr. ALLEN, Mr. BINGAMAN, Mr. BUNNING, Mr. BURNS, Mr. CAMPBELL, Mr. COCHRAN, Mr. COLEMAN, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. DEWINE, Mr. DODD, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. ENZI, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. HAGEL, Mrs. HUTCHISON, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. KERRY, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. LUGAR, Mr. MILLER, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mr. REED, Mr. SARBANES, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. SESSIONS, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. TALENT, Mr. WARNER, Mr. STEVENS, and Mr. BENNETT) introduced the following bill; which was read the first time

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A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Special Olympics Sport
3 and Empowerment Act of 2004”.

4 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS AND PURPOSES.**

5 (a) FINDINGS.—Congress finds the following:

6 (1) Special Olympics celebrates the possibilities
7 of a world where everybody matters, everybody
8 counts, every person has value, and every person has
9 worth.

10 (2) The Government and the people of the
11 United States recognize the dignity and value the
12 giftedness of children and adults with intellectual
13 disabilities.

14 (3) The Government and the people of the
15 United States are determined to end the isolation
16 and stigmatization of individuals with intellectual
17 disabilities.

18 (4) For more than 36 years, Special Olympics
19 has encouraged skill, sharing, courage, and joy
20 through year-round sports training and athletic com-
21 petition for children and adults with intellectual dis-
22 abilities.

23 (5) Special Olympics provides year-round sports
24 training and competitive opportunities to 1,500,000
25 athletes with intellectual disabilities in 26 sports and
26 plans to expand the joy of participation through

1 sport to hundreds of thousands of individuals with
2 intellectual disabilities within the United States and
3 worldwide over the next 5 years.

4 (6) Special Olympics has demonstrated its abil-
5 ity to provide a major positive effect on the quality
6 of life of individuals with intellectual disabilities, im-
7 proving their health and physical well-being, building
8 their confidence and self-esteem, and giving them a
9 voice to become active and productive members of
10 their communities.

11 (7) In society as a whole, Special Olympics has
12 become a vehicle and platform for breaking down ar-
13 tificial barriers, improving public health, changing
14 negative attitudes in education, and helping athletes
15 with intellectual disabilities overcome the prejudice
16 that individuals with intellectual disabilities face in
17 too many places.

18 (8) The Government of the United States en-
19 thusiastically supports Special Olympics, recognizes
20 its importance in improving the lives of individuals
21 with intellectual disabilities, and recognizes Special
22 Olympics as a valued and important component of
23 the global community.

24 (b) PURPOSES.—The purposes of this Act are to—

1 (1) provide support to Special Olympics to in-
2 crease athlete participation in and public awareness
3 about the Special Olympics movement;

4 (2) dispel negative stereotypes about individuals
5 with intellectual disabilities;

6 (3) build athletic and family involvement
7 through sport; and

8 (4) promote the extraordinary gifts of individ-
9 uals with intellectual disabilities.

10 **SEC. 3. ASSISTANCE FOR SPECIAL OLYMPICS.**

11 (a) EDUCATION ACTIVITIES.—The Secretary of Edu-
12 cation may award grants to, or enter into contracts or co-
13 operative agreements with, Special Olympics to carry out
14 the following:

15 (1) Activities to promote the expansion of Spe-
16 cial Olympics, including activities to increase the
17 participation of individuals with intellectual disabil-
18 ities within the United States.

19 (2) The design and implementation of Special
20 Olympics education programs, including character
21 education and volunteer programs that support the
22 purposes of this Act, that can be integrated into
23 classroom instruction and are consistent with aca-
24 demic content standards.

1 (b) INTERNATIONAL ACTIVITIES.—The Secretary of
2 State may award grants to, or enter into contracts or co-
3 operative agreements with, Special Olympics to carry out
4 the following:

5 (1) Activities to increase the participation of in-
6 dividuals with intellectual disabilities in Special
7 Olympics outside of the United States.

8 (2) Activities to improve the awareness outside
9 of the United States of the abilities of individuals
10 with intellectual disabilities and the unique contribu-
11 tions that individuals with intellectual disabilities
12 can make to society.

13 (c) HEALTHY ATHLETES.—

14 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Health and
15 Human Services may award grants to, or enter into
16 contracts or cooperative agreements with, Special
17 Olympics for the implementation of onsite health as-
18 sessments, screening for health problems, health
19 education, data collection, and referrals to direct
20 health care services.

21 (2) COORDINATION.—Activities under para-
22 graph (1) shall be coordinated with activities of pri-
23 vate health care providers, authorized programs of
24 State and local jurisdictions, and activities of the

1 Department of Health and Human Services, as ap-
 2 plicable.

3 (d) LIMITATION.—Amounts appropriated to carry
 4 out this section shall not be used for direct treatment of
 5 diseases, medical conditions, or mental health conditions.
 6 Nothing in the preceding sentence shall be construed to
 7 limit the use of non-Federal funds by Special Olympics.

8 **SEC. 4. APPLICATION AND ANNUAL REPORT.**

9 (a) APPLICATION.—

10 (1) IN GENERAL.—To be eligible for a grant,
 11 contract, or cooperative agreement under subsection
 12 (a), (b), or (c) of section 3, Special Olympics shall
 13 submit an application at such time, in such manner,
 14 and containing such information as the Secretary of
 15 Education, Secretary of State, or Secretary of
 16 Health and Human Services, as applicable, may re-
 17 quire.

18 (2) CONTENT.—At a minimum, an application
 19 under this subsection shall contain the following:

20 (A) ACTIVITIES.—A description of activi-
 21 ties to be carried out with the grant, contract,
 22 or cooperative agreement.

23 (B) MEASURABLE GOALS.—Information on
 24 specific measurable goals and objectives to be

1 achieved through activities carried out with the
2 grant, contract, or cooperative agreement.

3 (b) ANNUAL REPORT.—

4 (1) IN GENERAL.—As a condition on receipt of
5 any funds under subsection (a), (b), or (c) of section
6 3, Special Olympics shall agree to submit an annual
7 report at such time, in such manner, and containing
8 such information as the Secretary of Education, Sec-
9 retary of State, or Secretary of Health and Human
10 Services, as applicable, may require.

11 (2) CONTENT.—At a minimum, each annual re-
12 port under this subsection shall describe the degree
13 to which progress has been made toward meeting the
14 goals and objectives described in the applicable ap-
15 plication submitted under subsection (a).

16 **SEC. 5. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

17 There are authorized to be appropriated—

18 (1) for grants, contracts, or cooperative agree-
19 ments under section 3(a), \$5,500,000 for fiscal year
20 2005, and such sums as may be necessary for each
21 of the 4 succeeding fiscal years;

22 (2) for grants, contracts, or cooperative agree-
23 ments under section 3(b), \$3,500,000 for fiscal year
24 2005, and such sums as may be necessary for each
25 of the 4 succeeding fiscal years; and

1 (3) for grants, contracts, or cooperative agree-
2 ments under section 3(c), \$6,000,000 for each of fis-
3 cal years 2005 through 2009.

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